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In re Application of: Randy L. Morningstar

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Official Action dated April 3, 2003, please enter the following remarks:

Remarks

The Office Action withdrew claims 20-51 and 62-88 from consideration.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 (b) as being anticipated by Pevsner US Re. 32,348. Claims 3, 4, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pevsner in view of Dormandy, Jr., U.S. Pat. No. 4,819,637. Claims 11-13 and 17-19 were rejected under the same combination of references. Claims 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pevsner in view of Dormandy, Jr. as applied to claim 11, and further in view of Copenhagen et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,720,734. Claims 52-61 were rejected were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) over Pevsner in view of Dormandy, Jr. and further in view of Copenhagen et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,720,734.

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the careful review of this application as evidenced by the thorough office action that included explicit explanations of the various rejections. Also, the Examiner is respectfully thanked for withdrawing the previous rejections and objections.